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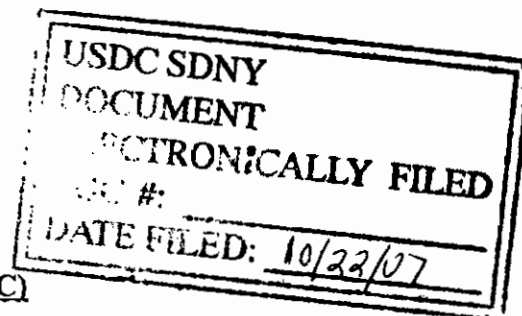
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The Honorable Denny Chin
United States Courthouse
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Re: Batista v. Quarantillo, et al., 07 Civ. 7439 (DC)

Dear Judge Chin:


I write on behalf of defendants Andrea Quarantillo, District Director, New York District Office, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services ("CIS"), and CIS (collectively the "Government"), respectfully to request a thirty-day extension of the deadline for the Government to respond to the complaint in the above-referenced action, from October 22, 2007, to November 21, 2007. The agency file has not yet been delivered to this Office. The Government, therefore, respectfully requests the additional time to obtain and review the file so that we will be in a position to respond to the allegations in the complaint. This is the Government's first request for an extension, and plaintiff's counsel consents to this request.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Approved.
SO ORDERED.*

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